

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Picts Barn Picts Lane Cowfold
DESCRIPTION:	
REFERENCE:	DC/25/1960
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / No-Objection / Objection / More-Information / Modification / Refusal
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: The panels will be visible on a historic farm building and harm the special interest of the principal building. The public benefit will not outweigh that harm in my opinion.	
MAIN COMMENTS: Dear Meg, The single storey building on which the panels will be fixed appears to be part of the historic farm complex. It is now converted to domestic use but remains clearly identifiable as a forming part of the listed building. The panels are a modern technology and will be visible in relation to the principal historic building diluting an appreciation of its historic significance. I appreciate there will be benefit to the owners and some public benefit in reducing usage of fossil fuel energy but this public benefit is negligible and does not outweigh the harm that will result. This opinion is supported by two recent appeal decisions relating to Need's Farmhouse, Steyning Road, Partridge Green RH13 8ED DC/24/1566 & The Coach House, The Hollow, Washington RH20 3DA DC/24/1653. I am happy to talk to the applicant about potential alternative locations within the property if this would be helpful. Regards, Seán	

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A

NAME: Seán Rix

DEPARTMENT: Conservation

DATE: 29.01.26